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Modern Physio-Therapy, A System of Drugless Therapeutic Methods, including chapters on X-Ray Diagnosis and Suggestion. By Otto Juettner, A.M., M.D. Third Edition. 563 pages. Price, $5. Cincinnati Medical Book Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Therapeutics of the Circulation. By Lauder Brunton, Kt., M.D., D.Sc., LL.D. (Edin.), LL.D. (Aberd.), F.R.C.P., F.R.S. Physician to St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Published under the auspices of the University of London, with 240 illustrations, 280 pages. Price, $1.50, net. P. Blakiston's Son & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

Diseases of the Nervous System, for the General Practitioner and Student. By Alfred Gordon, A.M., M.D. (Paris). 136 illustrations. 487 pages. Price, $2.50, net. P. Blakiston's Son & Co., Philadelphia.

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Pulmonary Tuberculosis and Its Complications.—By Sherman G. Bonney, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Denver. Cloth, $7, net; Half-morocco, $8.50, net. W. B. Saunders Company.

The recent volume entitled "Pulmonary Tuberculosis and its Complications," by Dr. Sherman G. Bonney, of Denver, is a work of real merit. While including all that is known of the disease from a modern scientific standpoint, it is especially valuable because of its common sense and practical dealings with each individual case upon its merit. We feel in giving this volume to the profession at this time, especially when a universal crusade against tuberculosis is being made, that the author has fulfilled his mission well and given us a book of great value, and especially useful to men of lesser experience in the management of this infection. His clearness on all methods of diagnosis is especially to be commended, so that as a whole we can unhesitatingly recommend this volume to the profession in all its phases. J. A. W.

Treatment of Disease.—A manual of Practical Medicine. Second Edition. By Reynold Webb Wilcox, M.A., M.D., LL.D. Cloth, $6, net; Half-morocco, $7, net. P. Blakiston's Son & Co.

The work of Dr. Reynold Webb Wilcox, with the title of "Treatment of Disease," is far wider in scope than the mere management or therapeutical treatment of disease. The author has very fortunately in a condensed, but accurate preface of each article on treatment, given enough of the etiology, pathology and symptoms to make this a real work of value to the general practitioner; it is a condensed practice of medicine rather than one of treatment alone. In a well-written and readable volume, with the practical application of the various methods necessary to the management, of any case. The book teaches a valuable lesson in the fact that every phase of the treatment both in the general management, prophylaxis and dietetic is considered with a clearness and common sense application of drugs to the individual case which demonstrates the accurate observation and skill of the author, and we bespeak for it a place of great usefulness in the library of the general practitioner. J. A. W.

Diseases of the Breast, with Special Reference to Cancer. By William L. Rodman, M.D., LL.D.; published by P. Blakiston's Son & Co. Price, $4.

Diseases of the Breast is the product of an enormous amount of work by an active and accurate practical surgeon. The text covers in a clear way, yet concisely, the anatomy and physiology of the breast, and proceeds immediately to deal with the pathological processes affecting this organ. The subjects discussed are inflammatory diseases, tuberculosis, syphilis, actinomycosis, cysts, diffuse hypertrophy, keloid, tumors in general, fibro-epithelial tumors, lipoma, enchondroma, myxoma, angroina, endothelioma, sarcoma, carcinoma and Paget's disease of the nipple. The impression one soon gathers on reading the pages of this splendid volume is that the subject matter is presented in a masterful way. It next dawns upon the reader that he is gathering new facts or finding old facts made clearer and more impressive, for there are no uncertain notes sounded. Attention paid to the subjects covered in the first 172 pages is ample, while that devoted to carcinoma occupies the remaining 208 pages, as may be gathered from the title to be the author's intention. The book seems to lay before the reader this fact: The diseases of the breast are cancerous and non-cancerous; the former are more numerous, more important from the surgeon's or the physician's and from the patient's standpoint; therefore while the latter are by no means to be neglected, the former is to be studied exhaustively from every possible view. So, Dr. Rodman has accomplished this and gives us the best to be found to date on this unfathomed scourge. Surgeons will read the book with avidity; it will reduce their percentage of recurrences; physicians will greet it gladly. It helps materially, more than any work I know, in the diagnosis of breast lesions and gives encouragement toward a firmer stand for accurate diagnosis and early operation, at the same time condemning all delay, all uncertainty. There is, as Dr. Rodman truly impresses, no excuse for dallying with a breast tumor, the nature of which is uncertain, as there is high probability in favor of cancer; there is no excuse for delay in tumors non-cancerous clinically, for many of these show cancerous changes later.

This book is well illustrated and the publishers as well as Dr. Rodman, are to be congratulated. It teaches strongly, accurately, scientifically, and will be a great impetus for the betterment of cancer statistics.

W. A. B.

A Text-Book of Surgical Anatomy.—By Wm. Francis Campbell, M.D., Professor of Anatomy, Long Island College Hospital. Price, Cloth, $5, net; Half-morocco, $6.50, net. W. B. Saunders Co.

Professor Campbell struck the keynote in the making of a book on anatomy when he connected in such an admirable manner the dry anatomic facts with the practical problems to be met by the surgeon. In his preface he says: "Surgery is anatomy practically applied, and the 'anatomic mind' is as essential to a surgeon as the 'aseptic conscience.'"

Dr. Campbell offers a work on Surgical Anatomy, and the careful reader will be struck with the practical suggestions on every page, yea, on almost every line of this admirable book. It seems to have been written with but one purpose, and that to bring out the salient and practical features of anatomy, to give to the student those anatomic facts which he will use and assimilate. In this the author has succeeded.

The book is beautifully illustrated throughout, the subject-matter presented in a very readable manner, and contains at the end a rather extensive bibliography. The illustrations, for the most part, are credited to Mr. F. A. Deck, and are beautifully executed.

P. B.

A Manual of Orthopedic Surgery.—By Augustus Thorndike, M.D., Assistant in Orthopedics at the Harvard Medical School. Price, $2.50. P. Blakiston's Son & Co.

Professor Thorndike has contributed an exceptionally valuable manual on the subject of orthopedic surgery, which will find an important place in the libraries of not only the surgeon, but of the general practitioner as well. He has condensed into small space the salient features in the discussion of this very rich field, and serves it to us in a style both palatable and readily digestible.

The book is profusely illustrated and divided into five parts—Part One dealing with anti-natal deformities; Part Two, deformities due to the action of external forces on growth; Part Three, diseases and injuries of the bones and joints; Part Four, deformities from acquired diseases of the nervous and muscular systems; Part Five deals with the correct use of plaster paris and other appliances used in correcting deformities.

The book is not only rich in reading matter, particularly his articles on tuberculosis of bones, but is printed in clear, bold type, and all of the illustrations are well selected. It gives me pleasure to commend Dr. Thorndike's manual, and to say that it will serve a useful purpose in any doctor's library.

P. B.

Text-Book of Diseases of the Skin. By Arthur Van Harlingen, Ph.B. (Yale), M.D.; Emeritus Professor of Dermatology in the Philadelphia Polyclinic. Fourth Edition. Price, Cloth, $3. P. Blakiston's Son & Co.

In this volume of 482 pages the author has given a clear and concise statement of the practice of dermatology at the present day. The style is pleasing, the description is graphic and accurate, and the illustrations are very good. The author impresses his individuality upon the reader, giving his own opinion, although sufficient reference is made to that of other writers. The work is to be recommended, as it is brief, yet sufficiently full, reliable and up-to-date.